



MASS SCHEDULE
Weekdays: 8:00 am / Saturday: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am & 7:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday at 3:30 - 4:30 am or by appointment

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3rd Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

An Advent Prayer

God of light and hope,
look upon us in love,
and fill us with the Spirit of Jesus
that we may love you and serve you in your kingdom.
Protect us during this week
and keep us watchful in prayer
as we await the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
who is the light of the world,
and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.



NEWS AND EVENTS

For more information on any of the upcoming events/activities or news items, visit our newly designed News on our website at www.sjbalameda.org/page/news

Date	Description	Time	Where
Dec 16-24	Simbang Gabi	5:30	Church
Tuesday, Dec 19	SJES Christmas Concert	7:00 pm	Basilica
Saturday, Dec 23	Legion Of Mary Christmas Carolling	2:00 pm	Park Bridge Nursing Home
Saturday, Dec 23	Legion of Mary Christmas Carolling	3:00 pm	Bay View Nursing Home

Reconciliation Service Monday, December 18

We invite you for the Advent Communal Reconciliation Service with individual confessions, to be held at the Basilica at 7:00 pm.

Welcome The Stranger

As you know, our Alameda Deanery of four churches has been blessed with another Afghan family. This one, a mom and dad and four children, arrived just weeks ago. How wonderful it is for us to receive them at Christmas; we see them as refugees like Joseph and Mary. They are enjoying the temporary home we set up for them as they begin life in the USA. After just a little over a month, two of the children, ages 6 and 10, are already beginning school, learning English as well as our customs (e.g., the need for a car seat, seat belts and how to cross the street). The dad is applying for work, preparing to take his driver's license test and working hard to care for his family. The mother is making huge adjustments to a new culture and many new faces, all eager to help, while she shepherds her smallest children, ages 2 and 4. We are still gathering funds to help us sustain them while they find their place in our very expensive Bay Area. Thank you to the many that have contributed to this blessed effort. If you are able to help in any way, contact Anna Rossi, (415)821-3643, amrossi1238@aol.com

Legion of Mary Christmas Caroling Saturday, December 23

The Legion of Mary visited and sung Christmas Carols to our elderly and sick parishioners at Alameda Care and South Shore Nursing Facilities on Dec 16.

On Dec 23 at 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm, they will visit Park Ridge and Bay View Nursing Homes respectively. If you are willing to share Love, Joy and Christmas Spirit to the sick and elderly please join us for caroling. You don't have to be a good singer to join. All we need are people like you who have golden hearts.

Legion of Mary Ministry

An International association of Catholics who work under the powerful leadership of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mediatrix of all Graces. Parishioners who join the Legion of Mary commit to the following: daily recitation of five decades of the Rosary and a short Legion prayer. The Active members faithfully attend the 1-1/2 hours weekly meeting held on Saturdays, or perform two hours of apostolic work each week.



For more information, contact :
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Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever/advent-prayers>

A Message from the Pastor

Rejoice!

On the third Sunday of Advent we celebrate "Gaudete" Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice." There is an outburst of joy in the readings of today.

In our first reading, prophet Isaiah, filled with joy says: "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul". In the Responsorial psalm, Mary cries out: "My soul rejoices in my God." In the second reading St. Paul says: "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks..." In the gospel reading, St. John the Baptist points to Christ who is the source of true joy.

Spiritual writers talk of the importance of joy in our lives. Thomas Merton told a novice: "Get rid of that long face." St. Therese says: "Lord, deliver us from gloomy saints." Teilhard de Chardin says: "Joy is the infallible sign of God's presence." Jesus says that there should be no mourning when the bridegroom is with us.

Joy is not the same as a problem-free life. It is not the absence of sorrow. Nor does it come by accumulation of material things. True abiding joy is internal. It comes when we get rid of our addictions and sins and when we live in right relationship with God and with our neighbor. May we experience a profound interior joy because Emmanuel, God-with-us guides our lives in good times and in bad.

This Christmas, the best gift we can give to our loved ones is not something we buy in a shop or a card with lovely words and pictures. The best gift is a happy peace filled person.

Loving God, fill us with the joy of Christ as we eagerly await his coming at Christmas. May the joy you bring inspire us to care for each other as we journey together as one human family. Amen.

Fr. George Alengadan

3rd Advent Candle

The 3rd Sunday Advent candle or the "Shepherd's Candle, symbolizes Joy, reminding us the coming of the birth of Jesus.

When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child.

Luke 2:17-18

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DEVOTIONS

Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Mon.- Sat., 7:30am

First Friday Adoration

8:45am - 1:00pm and
also 7:00 - 10:00pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday after 8:00am Mass

Anointing of the Sick

First Saturdays after 8am Mass

VOLUNTEER OFFICE COVERAGE

Sat. 8:30am - 12:30pm

Sun. 8:30am - 1:00pm

Happy 3rd week of Advent!



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 16

5:30 am For the People of the Parish
8:00 am Rose Egbonu Family
5:00 pm For the People of the Parish
John Donnison

Sunday, December 17

5:30 am For the People of The Parish
7:30 am For the People of the Parish
9:30 am †Therese Hiribarne
†Tony Medina—Death
Anniversary
11:30 am †Tina Bernardino—Birthday
7:00 pm Keith Howard—Birthday
†Anna Truong
†Emilio Ragnelli

Monday, December 18

5.30 am For the People of the Parish
8:00 am Rose Egbonu Family -
Thanksgiving

Tuesday, December 19

5.30 am †Timmie Boyland
9.00 am †Bernard O'Neil

Wednesday, December 20

5.30 am For the People of the Parish
8.00 am †Grave V. McDonnell
†Carmelo Go
†Adelaida Lapore - Death
Anniversary

Thursday, December 21

5.30 am †Florence E. Boyland
8:00 am For the People of the Parish

Friday, December 22

5.30 am †Grace V. McDonnell
8:00 am For the People of the Parish

Saturday, December 23

5:30 am For the People of the Parish
8:00 am Rose Egbonu Family
Thanksgiving
5:00 pm †Juan Garcia

Sunday, December 24

5:30 am For the People of the Parish
7:30 am †All Souls
9:30 am †The Deceased Family-Ravanera
11.30am †Roger Sanchez
4.00 pm For the People of the Parish
6.00 pm †Manuel Martin
8.00 pm For the People of the Parish
12.00am For the People of the Parish

Pray for the Sick

Arthur Agustin, Sandra Anderson, Fong Che, Mary Cronin, Lois Chase, Raquel Jaro DiMacale, Ellen Fasso, Baby Jaylen, Baby Leo, Ronald Bautista, Romelita Bautista, Carol Gottstein, Anita Hamlin, Martha Hayes Harper, Salvador Herrera, Leonila Javier, Elinor Lahaie, Martin McGinty, Maureen McPherlin, Elvie Mendoza, Kirk Miller, Herb Robles, Elena Ramon, Virginia Romo, Rosemarie Salicsic, Dorie Samson, Fred Stittle, Charles H. Thomas, Ramon Tirona, Michel Yann.

If you want prayers for a loved one and their name on the list, please email secretary@sjbalameda.org, or call the Rectory at 510-522-0181.

Please let the Parish Office know when someone's name should be removed from the above sick list. Thank you.

Need Anointing of the Sick?

Please notify the Parish Office immediately if a member of your family is sick or if you learn that a parishioner is ill or hospitalized, and in need of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and a pastoral visit from a priest or ministers.

Advent Candle

This week's Advent candle is lighted in honor of the

BERTELSEN FAMILY

Christmas Flower

Donations

Your help is needed to furnish our lovely flowers during our Christmas Season.

Please pick up an envelope in the vestibule and make a donation in your name, a deceased loved one, or someone special.



Let Us Remember

All those who have died, especially AMBROSIA and PEDRO ROBLES. As a community of faith, we offer our prayers and support to their families and friends.

STEWARDSHIP

Collections Update

Immaculate Conception : \$1,931
 Maintenance (updated) : \$3,389
 Religious Retirement : \$1,931

Week of...	Goal	Weekly Offering	Overage/ (shortfall)
December 02/03	\$13,500	\$15,709	\$2,209
December 09/10	\$13,500	\$13,814	\$314
Month To-date	\$27,000	\$13,814	\$2,523

Angel Giving Project

An Advent Ministry that enables parishioners to anonymously provide Christmas gifts to needy seniors, adults and children in the Alameda/Oakland community. Names of individuals are obtained by contacting organizations, e.g., convalescent hospitals and homeless and children's ministries. Between 400-500 gifts are delivered before Christmas. At every step, ministers provide the hands that make what is the waiting of Advent become the JOY of Christmas.

Thank you again to everyone who responded generously to this year's Angel Giving Project.

And, to the ministers who work behind the scene to make the project a success, a big thank you to All of you !



Thank you Ken for helping us to put up all the beautiful Christmas lights for us, making our Parish Church even more merrier and bright !

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE – 2017

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:00 p.m. – Communal Reconciliation Service with individual confession in the Basilica

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday Morning Masses - 5:30, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Family Mass
with the Children's Choir

(No Mass in Learning Center)

6:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Youth Mass
- "Home for Christmas"

8:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Mass with the Spirit
Ensemble Choir

11:00 p.m. – Christmas Carols with the Basilica Choir

12:00 a.m. – Christmas Midnight Mass

MONDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25

The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Day Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

(No 7:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve; Holy Family

Masses at 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 & 5 p.m.

(no 7 p.m. Mass)

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Mass at 10:00 a.m.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

St. Joseph Basilica Ministries

All God's Children Prayer Grp	Monday, 7:00-9:00pm	BAS	BAS / Basilica SJR / St. Joseph Room DR / Damien Room LC / Learning Center RR /Reconciliation Room MTR /Mother Teresa Room DIN /Rectory Dining Room
Basilica Choir rehearsal	Wednesday, 7:30-9:00pm	BAS	
Bible Study	Thursday, 10:00-11:30am	DIN	
Cub Scouts	1 st Monday, 6:45-8:00pm	SJR	
Children's Choir	Thursday, 4:00-5:00pm	BAS	
Girl Scouts #33369	1 st Wednesday, 7:00pm	SJR	
Girl Scouts #33367	2nd & 4th Wed., 6:15pm	SJR	
Knights of Columbus	2 nd Thursday, 7:00-8:30pm	SJR	
Legion of Mary	Wednesday, 8:30-10:30am	RR	
Legion of Mary	Saturday, 8:30-10:30am	RR	
Legion of Mary (QoDM)	Saturday, 3:00-4:45pm	SJR	
Pastoral Care Team	1 st Saturday, 8:45-9:30am	SJND	
		Class #106	
Rite of Christian Initiation	Wednesday, 7:30-9:00pm	MTR	
Scripture Reflection	Tuesday, 7:00-8:30pm	SJR	
St. Vincent DePaul Society	4 th Thursday, 7:00-8:30pm	SJR	
Taize Prayer Service	4 th Friday, 8:00-9:00pm	BAS	
Teen Confirmation	1st Sundays, 9:30-10:30am	SJR	
Spirit Ensemble rehearsal	Thursday, 7:30-9:00pm	BAS	
Young Adult	Wednesdays 7:30pm	DR	
Young Families	2nd Sundays 10:30am	SJR	

If you are interested in any of our Ministries, please call the Parish Office (510) 522 0181 or email parish@sjbalameda.org We will be most happy to provide you with more information.

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Sacrament of Marriage

Preparation for registered, active parishioners should begin at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please stop by the Parish office or check our website under "Sacraments" for information.

- For infant baptism (6 or younger) contact Susan Gahan at 510-522-0181
- For adults or children over age 6 please contact Anne Marie, 510 995-9409

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The exuberant Our Lady of Guadalupe Sunday's celebration was enjoyed by all. Thank you to the Ministry of Our Lady of Guadalupe for organizing such a memorable event!



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